



57. (Twice Amended) An apparatus within an electronic device including an agent for initiating communication with a host monitoring system and providing identifying indicia to a host monitoring system, said electronic device connectable to said host monitoring system through a global network, said apparatus comprising:

means for automatically providing said host monitoring system with said identifying indicia through said global network for determining the identity of said electronic device;

means for providing said host monitoring system with one or more global network communication links used to enable transmission between said electronic device and said host monitoring system; and

means for <u>assisting the host monitoring system to determine</u> [determining] the location of said electronic device by tracing said communication links.

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